

Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 10195393 issued to Sekisui Chemical Company (hereinafter "Sekisui '393"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The combined teachings of Johnson and Sekisui '393 fail to make obvious Applicants' claimed invention for at least the reasons given in papers nos. 10, 13 and 16.

In order to expedite prosecution of the present invention, Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer disclaiming any portion of the patent issuing from the present application that would extend beyond the patent term of U.S. Patent No. 6,284,360. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion:

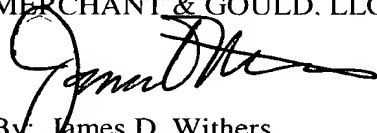
For at least the reasons given above, Applicants submit that claims 11-30 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of these claims.

No additional fees are believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 10-1215.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary in order to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

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